

# Sultan of swing (Dire Straits)

Intro : Dm C C Dm C C

**Dm**  
you get a shiver in the dark  
**C Bb A**  
its raining in the park but meantime  
**Dm C Bb A**  
south of the river you stop and you hold everything  
**F C**  
a band is blowing Dixie double four time  
**Bb Dm Bb-C**  
you feel alright when you hear that music ring  
**Dm C Bb A**  
(now) you step inside but you don't see too many faces  
**Dm C Bb A**  
coming in out of the rain to (you) hear the jazz go down  
**F C**  
too much competition too many other places  
**Bb Dm**  
but not too many horns can make that sound  
**Bb-C Bb-C**  
**way on downsouth way on downsouth**  
**Dm Dm-C-Bb-C Dm-C-Bb-C**  
London town

**Dm C Bb A**  
you check out guitar george he knows all the chords  
**Dm C Bb A**  
mind he's strictly rhythm he doesn't want to make it cry or sing  
**F C**  
and an old guitar is all he can afford  
**Bb Dm Bb-C**  
when he gets up under the lights to play his thing  
**Dm C Bb A**  
(and) harry doesn't mind if he doesn't make the scene  
**Dm C Bb A**  
he's got a daytime job he's doing alright  
**F C**  
he can play honky tone just like anything (bis)  
**Bb Dm Bb-C**  
saying it up for friday night  
**Bb C**  
**with the sultans**  
**Dm Dm-C-Bb-C Dm-C-Bb-C**  
**with the sultans of swing**

**Dm C Bb A**  
and a crowd of young boys they're fooling around in the corner  
**Dm C Bb A**  
drunk and dressed in their best brown baggies and their platform soles  
**F C**  
they don't give a damn 'bout any trumpet playing band  
**Bb Dm Bb-C**  
it ain't what they call rock and roll  
**Bb-C Dm Dm-C-Bb-C**  
**with the sultans and the sultans played creole (bis : yeah the sultans played creole)**  
**Dm-C-Bb-C**  
**Dm C Bb A**  
and then the man he steps right up to the microphone  
**Dm C Bb A (A7)**  
and says at last just as the time bell rings  
**F C**  
thank you goodnight now it's time to go home  
**Bb Dm Bb-C**  
**and he makes it fast with one more thing**  
**Bb-C Dm Dm-C-Bb-C**  
**we are the sultans we are the sultans of swing**